

MICHAEL McNULTY.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on the District of Columbia,  
submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4756.]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4756) for the relief of Michael McNulty from the operation of the act restricting the ownership of real estate in the Territories and the District of Columbia to American citizens, make a favorable report thereon.

The object of the bill is to clear up the title to certain lands in the District of Columbia owned by Michael McNulty and transferred by him to Miss Anna B. Rowell. It appears from the affidavit given below that Michael McNulty came to this country with his father from Ireland when he was 5 years old; that he has lived continuously in the United States since 1846, and that being uncertain as to whether his father ever took out naturalization papers, he himself became a naturalized citizen of the United States on November 4, 1892. The transfer of the land, however, was made on May 11, 1892. Miss Rowell, the present owner of the land, desired to sell it, and this fact developed the flaw in the title. The papers in the case are given below.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

Be it remembered that on this 4th day of November, 1892, Michael McNulty, a native of County Clare, Ireland, aged about 51 years, comes and prays to be admitted to become a citizen of the United States, and it thereupon appears to the satisfaction of the court that the said petitioner, having honorable discharge from the Army of the United States and has resided in the United States more than five years previous to his said application to become a citizen, behaving as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same, and the said petitioner here now declaring, upon his solemn oath, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he absolutely and entirely renounces and abjures all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of

which country he has hitherto been a subject, it is thereupon considered that the said petitioner be, and hereby is, admitted to become a citizen of the United States.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly taken from the records of the proceedings of the said court, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said court, at the city of Washington, D. C., the 9th day of June, 1898, and one hundred and twenty-second year of the Independence of the United States.

[SEAL.]

J. R. YOUNG, *Clerk*,<sup>n</sup>  
By L. P. WILLIAMS, *Assistant Clerk*.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ss:

On this 10th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1898, before me, the subscribed, a notary public in and for the District, personally appeared Michael McNulty, and making oath in due form of law, deposes and says that "I came to this country from County Clare, Ireland, with my father, about 1846, when I was about 5 years of age, and lived in Waterbury, Montpelier, Burlington, and other places in the State of Vermont, where my father worked on the railroads. About 1854 we moved to Rouses Point, and about 1856 to Plattsburg, N. Y. I was in Albany when the war of the rebellion broke out, and on May 7, 1861, I enlisted in the Thirty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry, served for two years, and was promoted through the several grades to first sergeant of Company D on July 24, 1862, from which service I was discharged in June, 1863, on account of expiration of term of enlistment.

On November 30, 1863, I reenlisted as a veteran in Company L, Second New York Heavy Artillery, from Frankfort, Herkimer County, N. Y., was promoted through the different grades, and on March 23, 1865, I was commissioned second lieutenant. I was mustered out September 29, 1865, by reason of close of war.

I am now receiving a pension for a gunshot wound received at the battle of Five Forks.

When mustered out I came to Washington, D. C., and went to work in the General Land Office in June, 1866, as a laborer, and worked there continuously twenty-seven years, rising to a clerk of class 3, when I was removed in June, 1893.

I exercised the right of franchise in Frankfort, Herkimer County, N. Y., from about 1863 to about 1871, when I started to exercise the right of a citizen in the District of Columbia, continuing until the District was disfranchised.

Not having proof that my father was ever naturalized, I took out my naturalization papers on November 4, 1892, from the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

I have never visited any other country since I first landed in the United States, fifty-two years ago.

MICHAEL McNULTY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of June, 1898.

[SEAL.]

ROLAND C. BOOTH,  
*Notary Public, District of Columbia.*